



***Thayer Tutt Sportsman Award – Jim Johnson***

Jim Johnson represents the second generation of the Johnson family in the city's construction industry, but the President and CEO of the GE Johnson Construction Company has also been a huge contributor to the sports community with his philanthropic and community support for years. His father, Gil, started the company in 1967 with one pickup truck and a contract to build a new administration building for the Fountain Valley School. Jim Johnson has taken the reins and made the company one of the state's most respected businesses and an industry giant. The Kansas State University grad has led GE Johnson's role as the general contractor for the United States Olympic Committee's marvelous new downtown headquarters, a showpiece of the city and its rich Olympic presence since 1977. GE Johnson was also at the helm of the superb new facilities and construction of the enhancements in 1997 at the U.S. Olympic Training Center, including athlete housing, dining hall, field house, aquatics center, visitor center, and sports medicine center. He has a passion for community service and customer satisfaction that are the cornerstones of his organization. "I was taught, by example, that Corporate Social Responsibility includes investing in the communities in which you work. You must give, not only take."